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For: HOP ACIDS AS AN ANTIMICROBIAL  
AGENT FOR USE IN FOOD PROCESSING  
FACILITY

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Examiner: K. Joyner

**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

MS After Final  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 8, 2007, please enter for consideration the comments herein with the Request for Continued Examination filed concurrently herewith for the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows (total of 8 pages). Also filed herewith is a Request for a Three-Month Extension of Time and the requisite fee based on small entity status.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.